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Gopaul Noojibail, Superintendent National Capital Parks-East National Park Service 1900 Anacostia Drive SE Washington, D. C. 20020

Re: Final Wetlands and Resident Canada Goose Management Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement for Anacostia Park, Washington D.C. October 2014, CEQ20140366

Dear Superintendent:

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Section 309 of the Clean Air Act and the Council on Environmental Quality regulations implementing NEPA (40 CFR 1500-1508), the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the Final Wetlands and Resident Canada Goose Management Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement (Plan/ EIS) for Anacostia Park. In our September 26, 2011 review letter of the Draft EIS, we rated the environmental impacts of the proposed action as LO (Lack of Objections). Based on our review of the subject document we have no objection to the project.

We recommend that the National Park Service (NPS) continue to work closely with Federal, State, and local stakeholders throughout the implementation of this plan and any adaptive management decisions. In addition, the NPS should coordinate closely with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and EPA on any Clean Water Act Section 404 permit issues that may arise from the proposed impacts to waters of the United States.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Barbara Okorn, principal reviewer, at (215) 814-3330.

Sincerely,

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